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Choice Poetry.

SONGS AND HYMNS OF LIFE.

BY CHARLES MACKAY.

Lord! we are thankful by the air
For breath of life, for water free;
For morning-land, for morning light
For alternation of the night
For peace in Thy bounty,
Lord! we are thankful unto Thee.

For grain and orchards as they rise
For earthy cloud and moisture sent
For sunshine and the ruddying skies
In the succession evermore;
For flower and fruit, for herb and tree
Lord! we are thankful unto Thee.

For beauty and delight of mind,
That dost the universe attend;
For sacred love unspeakable,
For faith's assurance, for gush of words,
For Christ, Thy Son, and Holy Ghost,
Lord! we are thankful unto Thee.

For sight, for touch, for taste, for smell,
For sense of life mortality,
For health of mind and strength of limb,
For power to know and understand
For every joy we feel or see,
Lord! we are thankful unto Thee.

For daily toil that we endure,
For labor's recompense secure
For wholesome air, for temperate heat,
For food and drink and raiment light
For rigid texture made and spun
Lord! we are thankful unto Thee.

For well-being with fulness fraught
For grace that flows with joy unsown,
For Thy free love and sympathy,
For Thine all-saving Deity,
For Thy Word and Verity,
Lord! we are thankful unto Thee.

For benevolence and its reward,
For every work of righteous love,
For all remembrance of the poor,
The stranger's need we can relieve,
And soothe or succor or assuage,
Lord! we are thankful unto Thee.

Original Novelet.

THE BAYMOUNTS.

IN FOUR PARTS.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST,
BY MISS LESLIE, AUTHOR OF "MRS. WASHINGTON POTTS," &c., &c.

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PART THIRD.

The girls were up many hours beforehand this day, and were immediately dressed on rising, without awaiting the slow movements of the toilet.

Indeed Mrs. Nelly said afterwards that she had got well into desperate goodness, and I'll tell you it was not a little. Besides, she was afraid Jemima would be the worse for it. John Woodson had just come to town, and had called to see them, and was going to Tuckborough, to see a new plough that Spoker, the schoolmaster, has invented. And after they have visited and eaten cake, and drunk a glass of wine all round, he will go off to uncle Dorothy's, and would not be apt to get back again at four.

What, when Sukey Saltash is—" exclaimed the girls.

"Well your going to see your new cousin, do the least harm to him or any one else?"

"Why, Nelly, you are getting as bad as we are under age," said Frank, "you are after marks, where all other persons are more solicitous to avoid them. Besides, I am sure Mrs. Saltash and father and Sukey among people will be good enough to excuse us, if we do not go to see them before going, for I take all your things, but some articles, of no use to me, I leave behind, and they will be the more kind through the weather."

"Yes, you are very kind indeed," said Nelly, "I only wish you may not be the better for it."

"I fear that we are all more and more now," observed Jemima, "and that we shall be thought no people when we do not welcome."

"Oh, Jemima, you are always right, and we are not more on a thing, to set your pleasure by in disappointment, as to Nelly merely dressing for nothing to be for."

"Come along," persisted Frank, "don't be so, and I think I will answer for it that you shall be spoiled by it."

"Who says she would rather know nothing about it—"

"Oh, disorder!" exclaimed Jemima, "I am sure we should not be permitted from disobeying father!"

"Come, come," persisted Frank, "and indeed you must have followed Frank from home, and by other roads could not easily have reached Tuckborough before him, and you would have had to wait more on the pavement before you should get in."

The girls nothing loved their books as if they had, they consented to Frank's proposal, and having conducted to Frank, and hastening down the road, were soon out of sight, in the recesses of the pine of Saint Mary.

"Well, now seems to be the business of the day," said Nelly, "and I trust we shall not meet with a thing, or see a person to be disagreeable, as no Nelly, dressing for nothing to be for."

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OR,
THE FOSTER SISTERS.
A WINTER EVENING'S TALE.

In the interval of Mrs. Southworth's Novelette, we shall publish shorter novelets and stories from the pens of other well-known writers. We have two now on hand, which shall be published as early as possible, viz:

TOM INCH HASH, by T. S. Arthur.

THE TEXAS HUSBAND, by C. W. Webber, author of "The Shot in the Eye," &c.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. F.—is respectfully informed that his piece is too long for insertion in our columns, even if their merits were not questionable.

We are sorry we cannot extend to J. P. the encouragement he is asking for. It is probable that late might be favorably received by some other paper of a magazine. That it does not suit us or our readers appears to

Ed. We have a number of articles in prose and verse on hand, very few of which we shall be able to publish. Without exception, those we select for use are not to exceed three the prescribed limit of the word, we do not keep it strictly to rule.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The anti-Catholic agitation in England (and not exclusively, but appears to increase. Lord Shaftesbury's Catholic resolutions has taken the field against the usurpations of the Pope, and maintains that his appointments to English Bishoprics are derogatory to the crown, and at variance with the constitution. It is said that the high church party will unite, at the approaching session of Parliament, to abolish all vow of religious Romish ecclesiastics in Great Britain, Ireland and the colonies; to repeal the Maynooth grant, and all other payments to Romish ecclesiastics; to abolish the national system of education; to prohibit, hereafter, the Protestant Irish bishoprics, and add largely to the number of English bishoprics; to banish Jesuits, and adopt an English ecclesiastical code. It is said that the Queen has taken the oath of allegiance to her Majesty, also, to exclude all dissenters in Parliament from voting on church matters, and to forbid the appointment of the crown to give her majesty any voice in ecclesiastical matters; and making it the exclusive duty of the archbishops to advise upon all matters affecting the church, whose power is proposed to make perfect as well as monarchical. We have no idea, however, that half these measures will pass Parliament. One of them, we think, will be strongly opposed by all Dissenters from the Established Church.

It appears that heretofore it has been the practice for Roman Catholic Bishops to reside in England, but they were not appointed to have titles. It was the custom of the Pope to bestow upon English Bishops honorary seats in the Sacred College, and these titles they bore while residing in England. For a long time the English Catholics have desisted from their Bishops elected such honors, and some three years ago Jerry to grant such a request, though it has been one of the most persistently granted, though it has been one of the most persistent. The objection of the Protestants to the Pope's patronizing our English crown immediately among the Bishops. If anyone is more matter of bewilderment, and trouble also to Americans, but we must remember that England was the females to orders dance of heretofore between the two peoples, and that the sentiment still lingers in the national heart. We now confess to have the belief that Parliament will at least abolish the Roman Catholic hierarchy, even if it does not withdraw what it has already conferred. For the moment in the affairs of Great Britain, the Roman Catholic question is the popular mind, and everything in that line thought is to be apprehended from the new order of things.

A serious riot had taken place at a Protestant meeting in Birmingham, the police were ordered to fire before the mob, and the troops had to be called out to restore order. It appears to have been caused by an attack upon the meeting by a number of Catholic laborers. A second meeting was advertised for the same night, and attended but was apprehended. A Catholic priest, and some other Catholics, were arrested for the riot.

The riot rose from Germany to a deeply-seated warlike character. The common acquaintance between America and France, are said to have succeeded in settling all its complaints, and that an end has succeeded that France should in return for the Pope's withdrawal from Italy. It is further said, that the American army is being reinforced by the addition of 50,000 men, which it was long, would be completed ready to embark at a moment's notice. The former was in the office of the army of the Potomac, and the French Embassy nothing new can prevent a war, but the crash and continuing character of the French King. If hostilities break out, France will no doubt receive her American ally's pay. But such an event, it is difficult to see how France and England could ultimately avoid being put with Chinese forces at present they are applied to be opposed to her.

France and America have been for a long period, the great rival states of Germany. New Orleans became national influence to France, and Boston to America. Both France and America are in favor of a great German Empire, and Europe; but each wishes to be at the head of it. One has been a chief in Frankfort, the other a chief at Erfurt.

This natural rivalry between France and America, is believed by some political philosophers to be greatly aggravated by a difference of race and religion. Northern Germany is generally Saxon and Protestant, while Southern Germany is, to a considerable degree, Celtic, and almost universally Catholic. When the heads of these Celtic played the tyrant, and sent forth to parts his little army, he appealed for aid to Austria and Bavaria, while his people, who are Protestant, looked for help to Baden and Prussia.

In fact, say the reasoners to whom we have alluded, race and creed explain all the political tergiuns of central Europe.

Such there is these, though they probably contain some truth, must not be taken too absolutely. We find numerous exceptions to the rule advanced by he laid down. Before us, like Prussia and Italy, Catholic, and Russia is strongly inclined to Republicanism. Wirtemberg is Protestant, and yet, we believe, adheres to Austria. The leaders of the Hungarian race, Magyars and Protestants; but the great mass of the Slavonian population of Hungary, adhered to the popular cause. While a large portion of Austria is Protestant, another large portion appears to be a natural foe of the Slavonian and Russia. And in these United States, we find Saxons, Slavonians and Celts,—Protestants and Catholics,—almost equally strong in the republican faith.

It is not necessary that nations should be of different races and religions, to quarrel right heartily, either with or without a cause. England and the United States will answer for one instance of late. They are both chiefly Anglo-Saxon (as it is termed), and Protestant—and yet they are always inclined to bicker. In South America, also, the people need no difference of race and religion to keep up our everlasting quarrel, an occasional cat and dog fight, in which they are always ready to engage with each other. That a difference of race and religion is apt to be, with ignorant and bigoted people, a fertile cause of quarrel added to the many others which they possess, is undoubtedly true. Still such nations will always find something to fight about, were it only that one side mustard and the other does not. While the example of this country proves, that sensible and enlightened persons of different races and religions, can live together in peace and harmony—counting, of course, for the exceptions to the rule, that unreasonable religious disputes, as things not particularly to be depended and certainly unavailable in the present condition of mankind.

A GREAT HOAX.

Our readers doubtless have observed the grand reception given by our Government—through Mr. Webster, Secretary of State—to a Turkish gentleman, calling himself Amin Bey, an alleged Envoy from the Sultan of Turkey. Mr. Webster, at this country, for the benefit of the Sublime Porte. Mr. Brown, the interpreter of foreign tongues at Constantinople, who accompanied Amin Bey, modestly asked for some $2,000 to defray his expenses. Mr. Webster, however, thought more than $10,000 should be appropriated to defray the expenses of the representative of the Turk, and so accordingly it was voted, and Amin Bey and Mr. Brown, in royal style, went to the statesman's retreat, and introduced to the "first circles" of Washington, Boston and New York.

But, sufficient time having elapsed for Brown's somewhat ridiculous proceedings to reach Constantinople, letters are dispatched from American residents in that city, informing the good people at home that they have been very cruelly and shamefully hoaxed—that even the grand "Janisaries" who attended Amin Bey, as Turkish noblemen, has been most unhappily taken in, and made fools of.

It appears that Amin Bey is simply a young officer of the Sultan's, enjoying the rank of Kaimakam, equivalent to that of Lieut. Colonel, which in the Turkish service is of comparatively small rank; who, at the solicitation of Mr. Brown, was permitted to accompany him to the United States, for the purpose of going through a course of study as our naval cadets, with the object of acquiring a knowledge of certain new American inventions. Mr. Brown, having quitted his post without the necessary leave of absence, ought to feel his pupil into an Envoy, in order to give a justifiable excuse for so doing. But the charts worked prodigiously beyond the original design of the Kaimakam, and the hoax acquired dimensions before and after. Having given him the title of Envoy, he was generally considered Ambassador, and Mr. Brown as their effectually—doing duty as Secretary.

We may now ask, in conclusion, what right Congress has to appropriate money to give dinners to and to present the travelling expenses of a Turkish, more than of an English or a French Envoy? Will those eloquent Congressional constructionists for a strict interpretation of the Constitution, now, perhaps, perceptibly "straining at gnats and swallowing camels," inform us?

BROWNSON AGAIN.

Mr. Orestes Brownson, the celebrated philosopher, who, having tried almost every Protestant faith, at length entered the Roman Catholic fold, and last, so far, compounded the old adage that "every apostate is worse than born Turks," this time has undertaken to convert the whole of the New Englanders with that of Irish laborers and Canadian Frenchmen.

He had often addressed audiences composed of Irish laborers and Irish, and, indeed, on his many recent principles of religion, philosophy, politics, and science, he had long been a favorite, and had followed him step by step, understanding him as well as he could, and applauding his eloquent and always applauding intelligently. So, therefore, he had no doubt of the most refined and best educated audiences on similar subjects, but had observed nothing but a blank expression, and what than this was borne?

Mr. Brownson is no counterfeit or politician, that the most means why educated audiences may give no "loud cheers," while ignorant people applaud, is that the former have been taught to think for themselves, and to form their own opinions, while the latter, proficiency, politics, and morals, prejudice and bigotry.

In the latter, the paraded balloon thought it was an invitation to the Christian to go up and be lifted and clouding multitudes below, endeavor not for I am the throne of perfection; and a philosopher who is standing on the ground, and looking at it, and, seeing it, pointed the balloon, which collapsed, and the Christian fell to the ground, and was not the arrow but made. If Mr. Brownson had been addressing Irish laborers, he would have felt it necessary to keep clear of "refined and well-educated" audiences, and those which are ready to applaud every thing that is "loud" and "strong" and "capable manner, whether they understand it or not.

SINGULAR STATEMENT.

It is said that experiments have been made in Paris, with a view to ascertain the effect of the phonograph on machinery to accompany dancing. The experiments were made in the presence of the author of the former with. For example, the operation, standing near the instrument with the hand on the machinery, was to ascertain if the phonograph was capable of keeping time to the dance, having a greater or less number of dancers, and to ascertain the effect of the music.

With this statement is verified by the philosophers. The Parisian, as soon as he is very excitable in relation to things scientific discoveries. There is nothing too wonderful for him to believe. Even the ancient fable of Memnon's statue, which, according to the old mythology, uttered a sound every morning at sunrise, is believed by the Parisians to be true, and that the statue has made. If Mr. Brownson had been addressing Parisians, he would have found them ready to believe that the phonograph was capable of keeping time to the dance, having a greater or less number of dancers, and to ascertain the effect of the music.

LECTURES.

A course of lectures, under the auspices of the National Philosophic Chemistry and Electricity, is being delivered in the Hall of the Lecture Room of the Franklin Institute, by Professor Horsford, of Cambridge, Mass. The first lecture was delivered on Tuesday evening last, and was largely attended. The subject was "Vegetable Alkalies," and was treated in the same place. Doubtless both these courses will be exceedingly instructive and interesting.

Agricultural.—We understand our readers to be interested in the subject of agriculture, and we have published a number of articles on the subject of late years. We have since received in the Agricultural Department at Washington, and have been forwarded to us by Hon. Mr. Curtis, M. C. from this district, which we shall publish in due time.

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LAW REFORM.

We think that our readers generally will be interested in the following article from the New York Tribune:

LAW REFORM IN GREAT BRITAIN

While in this State we are looking back in the course of law reform and allowing it to be delayed by the prejudices and interests of the lawyers, it is advancing in the country whence the old system was derived, and where the reform has been more successfully accomplished with the facts. For instance, the English Lord Chancellor has lately issued a series of orders changing the whole system of Chancery pleading in certain cases and adopting the simplest forms of communication between the parties to the suit. The Code has also been examined at length in the *Law Review*, the first legal work published in the kingdom, and commended in the highest terms, especially for its clear, simple and natural method.

The Code of Procedure under the supervision of the Court of Chancery and the conformity of the practice of the Courts of Law to the practice of the Court of Chancery, are the two principal reforms yet to be adopted by England. And it is expected that a measure for the abolition of the forms of action and the substitution in that respect of common sense and intelligible pleading will soon be successful in the coming session of Parliament. We find this from the letter of a distinguished English lawyer; on these questions now to be judged from the report of the recent able speech of the Solicitor General, delivered in the House of Commons:

I must warn the House, if they attempt legislation on this subject, that they will find it a very difficult matter. I am not sure that the House is capable of understanding the subject. The House may depend upon it that the moment a reform is made, another will be called for. There is more of form effete is not such a terrible thing—it stands in no one's way, and it is only when it is removed that the party who appointed him. All the Judges are appointed, also, by the party who wish to be removed. To the voters belong the spoils of office, and the Judges appointed by the party in power are the men who are consulted before appointments are made. Now, I say that this is a most unfair system, and that it is contrary to the principles of republicanism. He thought that both parties in this State were in favor of the special legislation system, and therefore the opinion in favor of it would also make the second subject that they have to consider—the reform of the system. We trust that the Legislature which is about to assemble will not adopt such a bill, and give the Code a fair trial, which it has not yet had to have. I am sure that I speak for the servative and also among England (cheers) upon us in the next Law Reform.

How long will it be, before we shall have reform of the Law in Pennsylvania? There would be a larger number of lawyers in favor of the late Amendment to the Constitution. The power to make new decisions would be taken away from under pretence of the protection of the interests.

Debates and Arguments.—The Boston Courier says, in conversation with a gentleman on Thursday, he stated his firm belief that adverse decisions of the Supreme Court were bad for business. Some months ago he was very much pressed for money, and was compelled to resort to bargaining. He had never advertised his place of sale, but as many would-be purchasers were desirous of buying, he was induced to offer a certain amount for that purpose, and consequently entered advertising in the most extensive and liberal manner. The result was that customers appeared daily, and in a very short time he had disposed of his entire stock in trade. Since the decision in the Dred Scott case, however, his business has continued to increase rapidly every year.

Board of Health.—The number of deaths during the last week in this city was 156—adults, and children 99.

From Washington.

THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

SENATE.

On the 10th, Mr. Mason of Virginia, introduced a bill to refund to South Carolina, the money advanced by that State during the Seminole war, and to support the troops engaged in the Seminole war, and to support the troops engaged in the Seminole war.

Mr. Brown, of California, introduced a resolution instructing the Committee on Public Lands to report a bill for the expulsion of squatters on the Pueblo Lands.

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Selected Poetry.

I OWE NO MAN A DOLLAR.

BY CHARLES P. SHIRAS.

Oh, do not envy, my own dear wife!
The wealth of rich neighboring Squire,
But bid me still to be stout of heart,
And cheerfully to labor for hire.
Our home is not like that of some rich belles
That must have the last imported fancy;
Is paid the night. So we'll trip up forth
With glad beats on the morrow!
Oh, the debtor is but a downhearted dog,
With the reddiest sense on his collar,
While I'm a king and you are a queen,
For we owe no man a dollar!

Our neighbor, you save in his couch to-day,
With his wife and his fleeting daughters,
While we sat down at our cornbread board,
To a crust and a cup of water.
I saw that the tear-drop stood in your eye,
Though you tried your best to conceal it;
I knew that the content reached your heart,
And you could not help but feel it;
But knowing me, that our vanity lies
The mind my neck from the collar
You'll join me laugh and help me clear
That we owe no man a dollar!

The neighbor whose show has dazzled your eyes,
Is in fact, a worn-bed debtor.
I pity him, all from my very heart,
And I wish that he was more better.
Why, the man is the veriest slave alive,
For his fashion wife and daughter
Will live in style through the greatest pressure—
So he goes like a lamb to the slaughter;
But he feels it the tighter every day
That terrible debtor's collar
Oh, what would the world, could he say with us,
That he owed no man a dollar!

You seem amazed, but I'll tell you more
Within the hearts I must keep
Speaking away with a lightened air
As if a load had been lost,
Yet he find them a very worthy man,
Whose chief with the greatest pressure—
When I called to name, and found to stop,
Though in sight was full of care.
He held on for one, as I held him last,
Till he rated my true character,
Then I shook his hand as I proudly said,
Now, I owe no man a dollar!"

As I now you smile, as you bid me leave
I know that a dun ought to honor you
In that gentle bread was inviting
Tomorrow, I'll see with a quiet strength,
To follow on their labor
But see we sleep, let us humbly pray
For our sweetest bed for slumber
And we'll pass the time when all shall be
Free
From the weight of the debtor's collar
Where the pressure of hard times can't reach us,
Now I owe no man a dollar!

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Selected Articles.

THE APOSTLES:

THEIR LIVES, WIVES AND CHILDREN

A great deal is said in the ecclesiastical history about the Apostles themselves, but very little about their families. In this view a French writer asks the following questions. Was the Apostles married? did they have children? what became of those children? whose did those Apostles live? where did they write? what became of them? did they have a history? did they carry else a rich ministry? did they have a jurisdiction over the faithful? were they bishops? did they have a hierarchy, rites and ceremonies? These questions are curious and the reply involves a great deal of obscure antiquarian learning.

1. Were the Apostles married.

There exists a letter attributed to St. Ignatius, the martyr, in which are these decisive words: "I remember once more the like that of Ethel, of Jeremiah, of John the Baptist, of the chosen disciples Timothy, Titus, Euodius Clement, who lived in chastity; but I do not blame those others, happy in the bonds of marriage, and I hope to be found worthy, of God, in following their traces in his reign, after the example of Isaac, Jacob, Isaiah, and of the other prophets, such as Peter and Paul, and of the other Apostles who were married."

Some scholars have pretended that the name of St. Paul is introduced in this famous letter. Tillemont, and all those who have seen the letter, et St. Ignatius in Latin in the library of the Vatican, have found, that the name of St. Paul is found in them. And Asseman does not deny that this passage exists in some Greek manuscripts but he pretends that these were added by some modern Greek.

There was in the ancient library of Oxford, a manuscript in Greek of the version of St. Ignatius, in which these words are found. I do not know whether it was learned with many other books, at the taking of Oxford, by Cromwell. There is still one in Latin in the same library, in which the words "*Paul et Apostolorum*" are effaced, but in such a manner that the ancient characters may be easily read. It is certain that this passage is contained in many editions of these letters.

This dispute concerning the marriage of St. Paul, may be very frivolous. What matters it whether he was married or not, if the effect Apostolate were so? We have only to read his first Epistle to the Corinthians to prove that he might have been married like the others. — Have we not a right to lead about a wife, a wife as the other Apostles and of the brethren of the Lord and Cephas? (St Cephas and Barnabas, have not we the right to forbear working? Who goeth warfaring any time at his own charges?" It is clear from this passage that of the Apostles are married as well as St. Peter.

And St Clement, of Alexandria, declares positively that St. Paul had a wife. The Roman discipline has changed, but that does not prevent there having been other customs in the earliest times.

2. Of the Children of the Apostles.—We know very little concerning their families. St. Clement of Alexandria says that Peter had children, that Philip had daughters whom he married, that the Acts of the Apostles speak of the four daughters of Philip who prophesied. It is not believed that there was one married, and that she was St. Helena.

Eusebius reports that Nicholas, chosen by the Apostles to succeed to St. Stephen in the holy ministry, had a very beautiful wife of whom he was jealous. The Apostles having requested him for his faith, he married himself openly declaring his motive therein and—I am willing to relinquish me, but those who will take my wife." The Apostles did not accept his proposition. He had to be content with the love of his daughters.

Cleopatas, mentioned by Eusebius and by Epiphanius was husband of St. Joseph, and father of James the lesser and of St. Jude, whom he had by Mary, sister of the Holy Virgin. The latter, St. Jude, the Apostle, was therefore cousin to Jesus Christ.

Hegesippus, quoted by Eusebius, says that the grandchildren of St. Jude, were cited before the Emperor Domitian as descendants of David, and as having an incontestable right to the throne of Jerusalem. Domitian, fearing that the report was one of this right, questioned them himself. They exposed their genealogy, the Emperor asked them what was their fortune; they answered that they possessed thirty nine acres of land which paid tribute, and they were laboring men. The Emperor then asked them when the kingdom of Jesus Christ would appear? They replied that it would be at the end of the world. After which Domitian let them go in peace, which proves he was not a persecutor.

Simeon a Hebrew. The London Lancet refers to the following extraordinary story:

Late one evening a person came into our office and asked to see the Editor of the Lancet. He being introduced to our sanctum, he placed a bundle upon the table, from which he proceeded to extract a very fair and accomplished lass of twenty, which might have matched "Atlanta's better part," and which had evidently belonged to a woman.

"There," said he, "is there anything the matter with that?" Did you ever see a finer specimen? What might the man to be done with, who had that off?"

On having the meaning of these interrogatories put before us, we replied that we had no notion of our writing either. He had been so enamored to admire for leg and foot of the lady, of the perfection of which he, in spite of his profession, was a fair connoisseur, he had excited her anger, and they had quarrelled violently, upon which, as a last resort, declaring that she would be revenged on him, and that he should never again see her, the object of his admiration. The next thing he heard was that she was a patient in the hospital of surgery, and had by the surgeon employed to declared to the surgeon that she understood that pain it had been, and resigned to have the limb removed—a petition the surgeon complied with, and thus became the unfortunate of her own shaved revenge upon her husband.

☞ A wedding ring was recently found in England, in the heart of a turnip. It had been lost in the garden ten or twelve years before.

THE LEFT-HANDED DUEL.

ANECDOTE OF BRANCH T. ARCHER, OF TEXAS.

In the Fall of 1839, Mr. Archer was a young Virginia lawyer of some note. Going to Pawhuska Comet House on business, he accidentally met General Crump, a small, sharp-featured gentleman, with prominent eyes, large lips, and a nose like the eagle's beak, was cool, sarcastic, and clinging as a wasp. There might be some of the fibres of a dozen duels in the men that settled like smoke in the cold around the camp-fire. In each, every separate word issued through his teeth with a shrill and menacing hiss. He never seemed to forget one instant that he was the most famous *dead shot* in Virginia. In conversation with Crump aboard a mail in which there were opposing counsels, the latter made offensive remarks, or insinuations, of which Mr. Archer demanded an explanation.

"I have no explanation to make," said Crump, and he set his keen eyes upon the other, as if he would slay him with a glance. The bad, was a point number.

Archer threw his entire soul into one stern answer.

"Then I demand of you to retract the insinuations you have made against my motive?"

"I will add that I have no apology to offer. I retract that!" said Crump, with a sneer, and turning on his heel, he strode off. — I am going to my room at the hotel to wait for your commendation. If you have any for me."

Colonel Archer's friends gathered—in clusters around him, entreating him that he would not further his life in a duel with Crump. His resolution was sure and deadly. But he would not be persuaded.—he mused Crump, and he persist in the attempt. A formal challenge was soon passed, and accepted, and the meeting was arranged to transpire at sunrise the next morning, on the summit of a hill, two miles West of Pawhuska Court House. At the time and place designated, a great throng collected to witness the combat. Crump and Archer had both arrived at the field, and saluted each other coldly through the pantaloons of twilight. With the gentle glimpse of the sun, the principals were right into full position by their seconds, and all hearts in the multitude thrilled with strangest feeling, but one figure, determined and deadly were the countenances of the two foes, although the countenance of Crump, and would be set very different. Crump's visage wore the living portrait of a devil. Archer's face, but the blue eyes of Archer seemed overcharged with the lightning of steely swift. The word being given, the two pistols reported simultaneously. Archer's bullet grazed Crump's left temple, but his aim was right and fell directly to his side.

"Ha! I have winged my game!" cried Crump, in tones of mocking triumph.

"Yes!" but I have still a wing remaining at your service!" shouted Archer, shaking his other arm in the face of his enemy, and demanding an immediate shot.

Again the weapons of death were loaded, and the parties took their places. Archer stood bare to his foes, although the blood was streaming down from his wounded arm, and stood as pallid as marble, but his features were white as marble—so white that he might have been mistaken for a ghost, and, indeed, these appeared every reason to suppose that he would finally be a ghost at the next explosion of Crump's pistol. Yet he gave no evidence of fear. Looking his antagonist steadily in the face, he exclaimed:

"General, you now have every advantage. I will not, however, be content to one leg, for, if you were not a coward, you would do the same."

Quick as thought, Crump changed the weapon from the right hand to the left, and immediately the word to fire was repeated. At the sound of the pistols, both enemies fell. Archer had received a shot in the heart—the effect of his previous wound, but Crump was shot through the heart.

POWER OF KINDNESS.

"Tom!—here!"—said a father to his boy speaking in tones of authority.

The lad was at play. He looked towards his father, but did not leave his companions.

"Do you hear me, sir?" spoke the father more sternly than at first.

With an unhappy face and reluctant step the boy left his play and approached his father, when he spoke in tones of kindness, and bade him sit down by his side.

"Tom, you have been told more than once, that you must not play on the Sabbath day. You were told this morning, and now I have called you here to remind you of it again. Do you remember the command?"

"Yes, sir," said the boy, but as a downcast look fell on the face of his father, whose countenance changed.

"You Tom! is that doing as I ordered? Is that going quietly?" called the father, when the boy, with a sweeping curve—"If you are not back in half an hour I will punish you."

But the words had little effect. The boy's feelings were hurt by the unkindness of the punishment, and the appearance of a severe and unpleasantness that would last long these hours. He sorrow he was like his father, proud and stubborn, and he indulged in them, fearless of consequences.

I never can watch a boy," said the father, addressing his wife, "and I observed the other day that Lewis stands bold and break like the eagle. Now, I must watch Tom, and punish him for every disobedience, while the others sweep over the heart by disobedience and now and thereon all the time, as I have done before, and I shall not have to punish Tom more severely."

Thus the father reasoned, and thus he acted, but with little thoughtful. An hour passed away ere the boy returned, and his father observed that he was angry at the father, and meditated the infliction of punishment. But the words of reason, and the kind look of his father, soon softened his heart.

And the last came slowly in, with a subdued countenance, and reported the result of his actions. The father looked at him, and considered he punishment, and was prepared to be stern in with an angry demeanor. In his surprise, after delivering the message, he looked at his father, instead of angry and reproved and punishment.

"I very well, my son, you can go out to play with your companions."

The boy went out, but not with the happy heart, and thoughtless and disobedient brothers and sisters. He had received a lesson that would last him through life, and he never forgot it. He was a man of worth and no doubt he himself, growing up to be a man of worth and no doubt he himself, growing up to be a man of worth and no doubt he himself, growing up to be